

County Board News

The County Board has created a Task Force on County Government Operations and Organization. The task force includes county board members, department heads and citizens. The task force's mission is to research and make policy recommendations to the county board that would reduce operational costs and enhance the ability of county government to provide and sustain delivery of quality services to its citizens as mandated and/or desired by the citizens of Jefferson County. The county board created this task force because expenses are increasing at a faster rate than revenues. Simply put, if we don't do something, we will soon face a fiscal situation similar to several years ago, when the county saw it necessary to lay off employees, eliminate programs and sell county assets.

Does creating this task force jeopardize your employment with the county? I cannot promise that there will not be layoffs. I can say that the intent of creating the task force is to prevent layoffs. We value our employees and recognize that we need you to provide and sustain delivery of quality services to our citizens.

We designed the task force to be transparent and inclusive. Discussions and recommendations will take place in open meetings. We've included county employees and citizens on the task force, and we welcome input from anyone who has a suggestion for reducing cost and/or increasing efficiency. If you have an idea, please share it with a member of the task force or County Administrator Ben Wehmeier.

Task Force Members

Kathi Cauley	Jennifer Hanneman	Susan Happ
George Jaeckel	Ron Krueger	Russell Kutz
Steve Nass	Joe Nehmer	Timothy Smith